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TELEGRAMS.

LABOUR TROUBLES.

100,000 MEN OUT.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Feb. 29, 1.30 a.m.

Yesterday was another day of incessant conferences, the Government doing its utmost to formulate a settlement.

Over one hundred thousand miners are now on strike. There have been fears of a strike in the Midlands and police have been conveyed in motor to the affected districts.—Reuter.

KING AND PREMIER.

Bombay, Feb. 29, 7.5 a.m.

Mr. Asquith has gone to the King.

DOWN TOOLS.

In the meanwhile the Scottish delegates in London have telegraphed to their districts to lay down their tools to-morrow.

DETERMINED WELSHMEN.

The Welsh engineers announce that they will strike anyhow to-morrow, thus rendering idle the whole coal-field.

OWNERS DIVIDED.

It is understood that the English coal owners in the federated area have agreed to accept the Government's scheme, including the minimum wage. The Northumberland and South Wales owners oppose the scheme, while the Scottish are divided. The miners are debating the acceptance of this as a partial settlement, while negotiations in South Wales, Northumberland and Scotland continue.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Bombay, Feb. 29, 8.5 a.m.

An official statement says that the Government proposes to institute district conferences between owners and miners to decide as to the minimum wage. A representative of the Government is to be present at each conference.

Should any of the conferences fail, the Government representative shall decide jointly on the outstanding points.

A REASONABLE WAGE.

The Government is satisfied that there are cases where the miners cannot earn a reasonable wage from causes which they cannot control and that power to secure such a wage should be secured by arrangements suitable to the circumstances of each district with adequate safeguards to protect the employers against abuse of these arrangements.

MINERS FIRM.

Bombay, Feb. 29, 8.30 a.m.

The miners re-affirm that there will be no settlement unless the minimum wage at the rate adopted by the Miners' Federation on Feb. 2 is conceded, and they will, therefore, not arbitrate on that point.

They decline to express an opinion on the question of safeguards, but are still willing to confer with the owners.

The conferences will be continued to-morrow.

TELEGRAMS.

LABOUR TROUBLES.

STILL CONFERRING.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 28, 7.25 p.m.

When Mr. Asquith returned from Buckingham Palace the miners' representative entered Downing Street while the owners were still conferring there. Shortly after, both owners and miners proceeded to the Foreign Office.

SETTLEMENT IMPROBABLE.

London, Feb. 28, 10.50 p.m.

A settlement to-night is improbable, but the Government and the miners were conferring at a late hour.

MEN STUBBORN.

London, Feb. 28, 5.15 a.m.

Subsequently the Ministers and Committee conferred for three hours, the Government finding it difficult to induce the miners to consider the proposals.

VERY DETERMINED.

The "Times" correspondent says that South Wales undoubtedly wants to fight, and the workers will hold out longer than is supposed. Even if there is no strike it will be difficult to keep the pits open as it has been arranged to divert local shipping to other ports. The "Times" says the miners in Durham and Northumberland are in a comparatively good financial position, and are very determined.

FIRST RIOTING.

The first rioting occurred at Chesterfield yesterday. As miners were proceeding to work they were pelted with stones and bottles. The riot was quickly suppressed by the police.

BLACK OUTLOOK.

London, Feb. 28, 3.45 p.m.

Mr. Thomas, a protagonist of the Welsh coal-owners, interviewed yesterday evening regarding the conferences said: "Matters remain exactly as in the morning. Nothing has been done." Other prominent men of both sides are equally pessimistic, and it is generally considered that a stoppage is now hardly preventable, whatever the result of the conferences. The miners are everywhere determined to insist on the minimum wage without hampering conditions. Liberal papers continue to declare that the Government, as a last resource, will rush through Bill establishing the minimum wage, and even suggest that the Government should take over the mines and operate them on the minimum wage. The "Times" says the Government submitted no proposal for legislation, either to the owners or to the miners yesterday.—Reuter.

AMERICA'S TROUBLE.

The anthracite miners in Pennsylvania are demanding an eight-hour day, and twenty per cent. increase in their wages. A strike is feared.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

LATE DUKE OF FIFE.

FUNERAL AT WINDSOR.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Feb. 29, 1.30 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Windsor says that the funeral of the late Duke of Fife took place in St. George's Chapel.

The King and Queen attended as did the Princess Royal, the Prince of Wales and other members of the Royal Family. No uniforms were worn but all were in deep mourning.

The foreign ambassadors, the Earl of Crowe, Sir Edward Grey, and representatives of public bodies were also present.—Reuter.

TROUBLE AT KINGSTON.

MOB FIRED UPON.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 28, 1.30 p.m.

Reuter's Kingston correspondent states that owing to popular disaffection over the tramway fares, rioting has broken out. The mob attacked policemen, and the jail Governor and his aide de camp, who were attempting to rescue a party of constables who had taken refuge in a liquor saloon, were assaulted by the rowdies with sticks, stones, etc. They escaped without serious injury. The Inspector-General read the "riot act," and the police then charged the mob, firing a volley. One person was killed outright, and another was fatally injured. Thirty others were wounded. The mob fled, and order was restored.

KNOX AT P.N.A.M.A.

REASSURING SPEECH.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 28, 4.10 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Panama states that Mr. Knox arrived there on the 23rd inst. During the course of a speech, he said it was the purpose of the United States to live in amity with its sister Republics, craving neither sovereignty nor territory.

TELEGRAMS.

TRIPOLI WAR.

FIGHTING AT HOMI.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Feb. 29, 7.5 a.m.

Fighting occurred at Homi throughout yesterday. The Italian rushed the heights at Mergheb and remained in possession in the evening, when the Turks and Arabs retired. They had sustained heavy losses, leaving their dead and wounded on the field, including many regulars.

The Italian casualties were eleven killed and 82 wounded.—Reuter.

EXPULSION DECREE.

London, Feb. 28, 4.15 p.m.

Reuter's Constantinople correspondent says it is estimated that from six to ten thousand persons are affected by the decree expelling Italians from Palestine. They include many employed on the Bagdad Railway at Aleppo.—Reuter.

BEIRUT BOMBARDMENT.

London, Feb. 28, 2.10 p.m.

According to Reuter's Constantinople correspondent, the Volo of Beirut, states that forty-one men were killed from the warships, with twenty injured, and fifty-six townspeople were killed and fifty-eight wounded in the Italian bombardment.—Reuter.

TEST CRICKET.

AUSTRALIA'S CHANCE.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 28, 9.40 a.m.

In warm but overcast weather, the fifth Test match was continued. There was a fair attendance, and the wicket was slow and easy. England scored 214, Hodder capturing five wickets for 66 runs. Australia scored 193 for 3 wickets, of which Trumper scored 50, and Minnett 49, the latter unfinished. Stumps were drawn early on account of bad light. It will be continued tomorrow.—Reuter.

[Australia, with open wicket in hand, thus won 170 runs in order to win the last test match.]

HILL'S SUCCESSOR.

London, Feb. 28, 4.15 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Sydney states that D. Smith replaces Oltm Hill in the Australian team for the triangular test.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

GUNBOAT SUNK.

SIX DROWNED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 28, 4.15 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Lisbon states that the gunboat Fao collided with a tug and sank off Alvor. Six persons were drowned including the commander and the second officer. The rest were rescued with difficulty.—Reuter.

BISLEY REGULATIONS.

ROSS RIFLE TROUBLE.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 28, 4.10 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa states that Mr. Hughes, while addressing the Dominion Rifle Association on the 27th inst., urged the sending of a team of Canadians to Bisley, who would return, however, with the next steamer if they were not allowed to use the Ross rifle and the Sutherland sight. Lord Chylesmore, interviewed in London, said it was absurd to suggest that new sighting regulations were designed to handicap the Canadians, who were given an extension of time in which to alter the sights of the Ross rifle.

MEXICAN TROUBLE.

REBEL SUCCESS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 28, 2.10 p.m.

Mexican rebels have captured the Juarez garrison, who did not resist for fear of interference by the American troops, who are patrolling the frontier and are ready to enter Juarez if El Paso is endangered.—Reuter.

PACIFIC ISLAND.

ANNEXED BY AMERICA.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 28, 2.10 p.m.

The "New York Herald" correspondent at Washington states that the cruiser West Virginia has annexed Palmyra Island, in the middle of the Pacific, which has been also claimed by Great Britain.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

THE NEW CHINA.

EMOTION WITH JAPAN.

[INDEPENDENT NEWS' ASSOCIATION.]

Tokyo, Feb. 29.

Since two Japanese were murdered at Ponkaihui the place has been guarded by Japanese troops. Japan has refused the request of the Chinese Government that she should withdraw these troops.

YUAN'S THREAT.

Shanghai Feb. 28.

Chang Kang, the viceroy of Kweichow, who has been endeavouring to raise popular opposition to the policy of the new government, has received a stern rebuke at the hands of Yuan Shih-kai. Though the viceroy has been backed by the Provisional Assembly of the province, Yuan has warned him in a telegram that persistence in the opposition will bring about a discontinuance of the remittance that he has been receiving from the government.

GERMAN ACTION.

The Governor of Kiaochow, the German possession, has communicated with Yuan Shih-kai to the effect that republicans in the North and South will not be allowed to move freely within 100 li of the frontier.

MONGOLIA AND INDEPENDENCE.

The Mongolian Government has declared a separate independence and has despatched representatives to the Diplomatic Corps to ask for recognition.

DUTCH ENQUIRIES.

The Dutch minister at Peking has cabled to Holland, asking for particulars into the allegations of ill-treatment meted out to Chinese in Java. No reply has been received up to the present.

AN ABORTIVE PROPOSAL.

The proposal to use the property of the China Merchant Steamship Co. as security for a foreign loan has fallen through.—"Shan Po."

CANTON NEWS.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, Feb. 28.

Mr. Tuk-sun, the adviser to the recently executed Shek Kam-chuen, for whose arrest \$200 was offered by the Governor-General was arrested on Monday last. The same afternoon he was taken to the Governor-General's residence and he remains there awaiting punishment.

It is reported that all 8 cks' belongings, with the exception of his widow's endowment, have been confiscated.

On account of the prevalence of small pox in Canton, the authorities have issued a proclamation requiring all persons to be vaccinated. At the same time a special warning is issued against the practice of using lymph taken from small pox patients. A number of public vaccinators have been stationed at the various police offices in the city.

Wong Chung-yan, Commissioner of Native Industries, in consequence of instructions from Nanking has issued a proclamation requiring owners of agricultural, mining, and fishing undertakings to do their utmost to expand their businesses.

TELEGRAMS.

HOME POLITICS.

ARMY AVIATION.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 28, 11.50 a.m.

The newspapers generally congratulate the Government upon including £308,000 in the army estimates for aviation.—Reuter.

POWERS AND CRETE.

FORCES STRENGTHENED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London Feb. 28, 7.25 p.m.

Reuter's Paris correspondent says that the protecting Powers have decided to strengthen their naval forces at Crete.—Reuter.

FATHER'S CRIME.

Prisoner's Desperate Efforts to Prove His Sanity.

The extraordinary spectacle of a man pleading to be hanged and making desperate efforts to avoid a respite of the capital sentence on the ground of insanity was witnessed at the Norwich Assizes.

Albert Reeves (29), a printer's reader, of Norwich, insisted on pleading guilty to murdering his infant son at Norwich on January 5, and attempting to kill himself on the same day. He declined the assistance of counsel offered by Mr. Justice Channell, and when Dr. Starling, the prison medical officer, stated in evidence that Reeves was not in a fit state to plead, the prisoner insisted on cross-examining the doctor to demonstrate his own sanity.

The doctor said the accused was suffering from obsessions, and had ideas which were not common to ordinary members of society. The prisoner believed he was morally tainted, and had said that the reason why he thought he was right in taking his son's life was because he believed that the taint was transmitted to him. As the judge was directing the finding that if the prisoner was of unsound mind, it would not be right to try him, accused exclaimed: "I am of sound mind. I realise the gravity of this charge. I have offended against the law, and I am here to satisfy the law."

Mr. Justice Channell: The insane person believes he is sane. A sane person would try to get off on the ground that he was insane. It is no use pursuing this.

The jury decided that Reeves was quite fit to stand his trial, and on this Mr. Justice Channell said he could not do otherwise than act upon their view. It was a satisfaction to know that the Home Secretary would direct an inquiry into the prisoner's mind, notwithstanding the conclusion the jury had come to. He had only to accept the prisoner's plea, and pass upon him the sentence of death. It was usual in such cases to address a few words to the prisoner, but his Lordship thought it would be necessary to do so, knowing what would happen.

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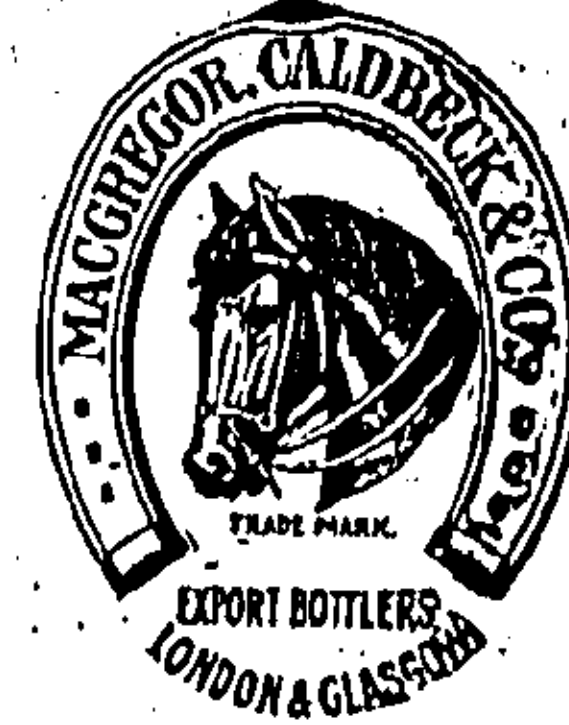
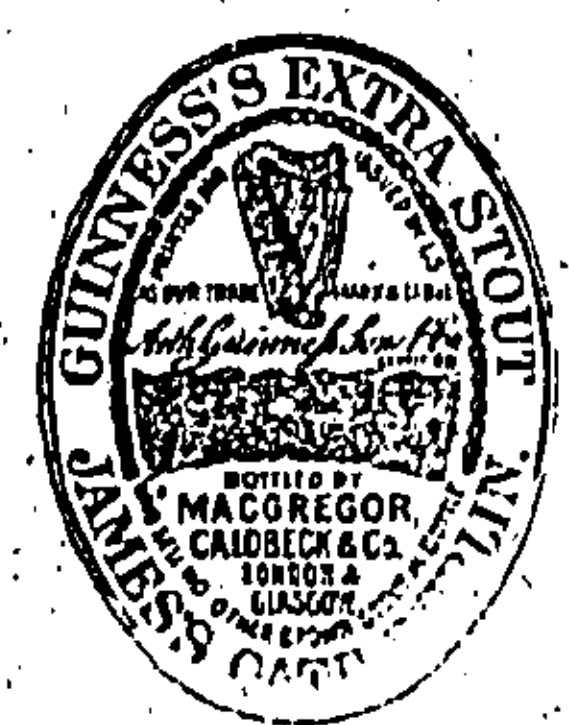
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Hongkong, 8th February, 1912.

OUR
CONTEMPORARIES.

WHAT THEY THINK.

China Mail.

The Kowloon Market Scandal.

After many months of waiting,
the public is now in possession of
the conclusions of the Public
Works Committee in regard to
the apportioning of the re-
sponsibility for the delay which
occurred in the erection of the
new market at Kowloon and for
the additional expenditure incur-
red in connection with it. But
we shall be very much surprised
if the community accepts the
report of the committee as a
satisfactory document, considered
from whatever standpoint it may
be. It is by no means specific in
pinning down the responsibility
either for the delays or the
enhanced expense, and the con-
viction cannot be escaped that
there is a distinct reluctance dis-
played in bringing home to the
Public Works Department what
ever share of the blame—and we
think it is considerable—should
rightly be laid to its charge.
The report was received in
silence by the Legislative Council
on Tuesday, but we sincerely hope
that unofficial members will not
leave the matter to rest where it
is but will insist on the right
parties bearing the full odium of
their sins of omission and of
commission.

Daily Press.

The Chinese in Java.

Whether it was wise of the
Dutch authorities to attempt to
suppress a very natural ebullition
of feeling on the part of the
Chinese community at Surabaya
is a matter for themselves to
decide, but the Chinese should
not forget that Java is not China,
and that when they choose to
reside in foreign territory they
must respect the laws and obey
the orders of the constituted
authorities. If those laws and
regulations are disagreeable to
them, they are free to quit and
return home, or seek asylum else-
where; they cannot complain of
the consequences if they prefer
to remain and defy the govern-
ment of the territory. In a coun-
try like Java, where a large, and
by no means docile, native popu-
lation is ruled by a handful of
Dutch, the authorities could
scarcely be expected to counten-
ance large public demonstrations
of rejoicing over the overthrow of
the Government of China, and
the international quarrel which
has arisen out of the assertion by
the Dutch policy of their legiti-
mate authority involves therefore
a principle of the highest import-
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South China Morning Post.

Governorships.

The House of Lords has been
engaging itself with the question
of Colonial Governorships. Peers
as well as Commoners are inquir-
ing why these positions should be-
come very nearly a military mono-
poly. The Secretary of State, Mr.
Harcourt, has laid it down that "a
governorship lies quite outside the
ordinary course of promotion in
the Colonial service." Lord
Salisbury gave expression to the
general "Why?" Lord Emmott's
reply was but a new form of the
question which has been indulged
in concerning this matter on pre-
vious occasions. Then Lord Crewe
delivered himself of the strange
conviction that men who have
risen step by step in the service
do not resent the introduction of
army officers to occupy the highest
positions—"such men," said his
Lordship, "as Sir Edward Glyn,
Sir Frederick Lugard and
Sir William Manning."

PHOTOGRAPHIC NOTES.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR AMATEURS.

Concerning Flashlights.

There are all sorts of devices for making flash—lamps, guns or pistols, powder pans, cartridges and, most simple of all, the flash sheet. This latter flash is the one which the beginner and the young amateur is advised to use, for it is practically harmless. Then, too, a holder has been made for the sheet which keeps it in place and also shields the eyes of the operator from the glare.

Simple as any device may seem, the amateur must always use great care handling the flashlight. The material of which it is composed is highly inflammable and needs only a spark to ignite and explode it. Those who would attempt flashlights will do well to acquaint themselves with the difference between flash powder, which is an explosive and must be used as such, and magnesium powder. The latter is harmless, but it cannot be used in place of the other, nor is the reverse the case. Both kinds resemble each other very closely on inspection, but are quite different in effect.

An Important Point.

The important thing to know in the making of flashlights is the proper place for the light in reference to the subject or to the illumination of whatever objects are to be photographed. An excellent plan to follow is to take a lamp and place it in a number of positions until the one is found which gives not only the best illumination, but also the best effect of lights and shadows. When this is determined the flashlight is made from the chosen point.

Everyone knows that the tendency of the flash is to give sharp highlights and dense shadows. The flash should therefore not be made in a dark room, but in one which is well lighted by gas or lamps.

When Making Portraits.

This is especially to be observed when making portraits by flash, for the shadows are not only softer, but the staring look in the eyes when a picture is taken in a suddenly lighted room is entirely done away with. The flash should be placed not on a level with the camera, but about six to eight feet from the floor, for a near portrait or group. At the greater distances required for large groups, as in banquet halls, the flash must be higher still. Care must be taken that no light from either lamp or flash comes within the angle of the lens or it will show.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

(From Various Sources.)

Snake Tries to Swallow Child.
Says the Sydney "Evening News" of Jan. 8.—Miss Watts, of The Myall, 63 miles from Wollah, was aroused during the night by her little sister crying out that there was a snake in the bed. A search revealed the presence of a large carpet snake, which was in the act of trying to swallow the child. Mr. Watts scurried and sucked the wound on the little one's face, and she is now reported to be none the worse for her experience. The snake was promptly despatched, and was found to measure 7 ft. 6 in.

The Artist's Model.

Details of a most outrageous attack on a young woman, a painter's model, have been recently sent from Paris. Her assailants were two members of her sex, who are total strangers to her. About 9.30 a.m. a taxi stopped at a corner of the Place Pinel, and from it alighted two trim girls, who, after a minute's deliberation posted themselves at opposite ends of the square. Soon afterwards the painter's model came along, and as she approached, one of the girls referred to, a tall blonde, threw pepper into her face. Being thus blinded, the girl attacked groped her way along, and the other woman stepped forward and stabbed her twice in the chest. Fortunately the attack had been perceived by a mechanic, who was walking on the other side of the square. He gave the alarm to the police, and the injured woman was soon conveyed to the nearest hospital. She thinks that the two girls may have been induced to attempt her life by some female whose jealousy had been excited, but this is mere supposition. As a matter of fact, the painter's model was living quietly with her mother.

Saving a Train.

Sacramento, January, 20.

A report reached Division Superintendent H. W. Sheridan of the Southern Pacific to-day from Alta, Placer county, that Helen Martin, the seven-year-old daughter of Section Foreman Alfred Martin, saved Overland Limited train No. 2 from a wreck that would without doubt have resulted in the loss of many lives. Superintendent Sheridan has written to Helen and her sister, Alma, 14 years of age, who helped her stop the train, commending them and he will advise the company to reward them handsomely.

On Saturday afternoon little Helen discovered the broken rail on the main track. She was alone, but knew that No. 2 was due, for she was then looking for the semaphore to announce its entry into that block. She ran into the block station and telephoned the agent at Towle, but No. 2 had just passed Dutch Flat.

"Can't you stop No. 2?" the agent asked.

"I don't know; I'm pretty little," replied Helen, "but I'll try." Just then Alma appeared, and both ran down the track to meet the train, stopping it just in time.

The rail was found to be broken in three places, but by using great caution and proceeding very slowly the train crossed it with only a few minutes' delay. Had the train struck the broken rail at the usual speed it would have been wrecked.

The passengers were not aware of what had happened.

FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS.

A CHANCE FOR EVERY AMATEUR.

The proprietor of the "Hongkong Telegraph" has decided to continue during February his offer of two prizes for the best photographs submitted to the editor by amateur photographers, during the month.

It has been decided to widen the scope of the competition. To restrict it largely to active life in the Colony excludes many amateurs who are not yet experienced in this class of work. As the whole purpose of the competition is to stimulate interest in photography in Hongkong it has been felt better to remove all restriction and to

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Pictures of active life, then, pictures of still life, pictures recent or pictures taken months ago, pictures of lifelike scenes in Hongkong or pictures taken in any part of China, pictures taken at home—any picture, general or local, may be sent along if it possesses interest at all. With the competition of so comprehensive a character there is a chance for any amateur photographer in Hongkong to win one of the prizes. The rules of competition appeared in the issues of Feb. 1 and 2.

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AN ANOMALY.

In whatever way it is looked at, from whatever angle it is considered, the Hongkong quarantine affair is a bad advertisement for the port. The broad facts are undisputed. A vessel running regularly between Hongkong and Canton comes into port with a case of suspected small-pox on board. The master very properly makes for the quarantine anchorage and signals for the port health authorities. There were upwards of seven hundred Chinese passengers on board, and in thus doing his duty the master was incurring the danger of troubles such as those which have been keeping the water police busy in Singapore. There, as readers know, turbulent scenes have occurred owing to the Chinese so wildly showing their dislike to detention in quarantine. It would be expected that the port medical officer would lose no time in going on board and taking the necessary steps. Instead of this two hours elapse before he goes on board, and another hour before it is announced that the passengers will all have to be vaccinated. He complies with an announcement that the vaccination will be done the following morning. The Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, faced with the prospect of having to detain several hundred passengers, who in all probability thought that the company was responsible for the delay, asked their own private doctors to undertake the vaccination. This they consented to do, but they learned to their surprise that they would not be allowed on board—the reason, being given, that by law no one other than the Government health officers could approach a vessel in quarantine. If, as was held, vaccination was necessary it should have been done at once instead of keeping the passengers on board all night and causing them to become irritated.

We have said that the affair constitutes a bad advertisement for the port. This is obviously so. Ship owners and masters will very naturally assume that they would do much better to give themselves the benefit of the uncertainty when a doubtful case of sickness occurs on board, instead of endeavouring to aid the authorities. It is no light thing for a company which largely depends upon the support of the Chinese to have a steamer with several hundred passengers detained for an indefinite period of time because the port health officer does not relieve the situation or expedite matters. It must be remembered, moreover, that Canton is so close to Hongkong and the avenues of communication are so many that it would be a practical impossibility to establish a strict quarantine on passengers from the former city. They come freely by land and sea. This being so, there is all the more reason, when a ship master does his duty in notifying a suspicious case, that the authorities should do theirs by expediting matters to the greatest possible extent. This in the Hongkong case they have flagrantly neglected to do, and the matter should not be permitted to rest in that unsatisfactory situation.

The system is at fault. A part of the size and importance of Hongkong should have its own medical staff, appointed and controlled as are other civil servants. It is a glaring anomaly that the duties of port health officer should be a mere adjunct to private practice. We are not casting the slightest reflection upon the gentleman who happens to hold the position, but, however satisfactorily the system may have worked in earlier days it is not working satisfactorily now. An appropriation should be made in the estimates for the maintenance of a Government Port Officer of Health, whose exclusive duty it should be to undertake the work now devolved. The unofficial member of the Legislative Council who took this matter up and forced it on to a satisfactory conclusion would deserve and obtain the thanks of the community.

DAY-BY-DAY.

Sensible men show their sense by saying much in few words.

To-day's Paper.

The telegrams on the Coal Crisis on page 1 are of especial interest. On page 3 appear Photographic Notes and the last coupon available for the February competition. An interesting speech by the Speaker on Parliament is reproduced on page 8.

Invitations are being issued for a masquerade ball at the Club Germania on March 2.

A woman has been arrested in connection with the dumping of the body of a female child in the Eastern district.

Five boatmen were fined \$5 or seven days each at the Magistracy, to-day, for berthing their craft by Connaught Road West, without permission.

A fine of \$25 or a month's imprisonment was passed on a man charged at the Magistracy, to-day, with selling raw pork outside the market limit.

An Independent News Agency telegram from Tokyo dated Feb. 28, states that the text of the Franco-Japanese commercial treaty was published yesterday and becomes effective from to-day.

As a party of police were raiding a match for gamblers several Chinese attempted rescue and obstruction. The police secured one of the would-be rescuers and he will be brought before the Magistrates.

The master of junk S8834 has reported that while his junk was anchored in Cheung Chau Harbour, the steam launch Hoi Ning collided with it, and damaged it to the extent of \$200. Fortunately no-one was injured.

Owing to the extraordinary influx of visitors to the Colony yesterday, the whole of the local hotels were taxed to their utmost and many people had to return to their respective ships in consequence of not being able to find accommodation.

At the Magistracy, to-day, two women were charged with dumping the dead bodies of children in the public thoroughfares. One woman who hailed from the Eastern district was fined \$5 or seven days' imprisonment and the other woman who resides in West Point was fined \$10 or fourteen days.

A carpenter living in Kwai Wa Lane has been removed to the hospital suffering from injuries received to his head through falling down a staircase. It appears he was on a visit to a house which the police were about to raid on an opium warrant, and in his hurry to get away stumbled down the staircase and received the injuries stated.

Dr. B. W. Green, who was recently remanded at the Magistracy on a charge of embezzling the sum of 3,270 pesos in Manila, has made an application for permission to return to Manila and stand for trial without waiting for the extradition papers applied for to arrive. The permit has been granted and Dr. Green leaves in the morning in the custody of an officer by the name Rubi to-morrow.

At the Magistracy, this morning, the master of a fishing junk at Aberdeen summoned a man whom he had employed under monthly contract for leaving without giving notice. It transpired that these fishermen were engaged for the season, but are paid monthly. In this case the man obtained an advance of \$25, and then absented himself.

The bench found him guilty and sentenced him to six weeks' imprisonment.

Thirteen.

The Russian Vice-Consul in Colombo, M. Tolokoff, committed suicide at Galle on Feb. 13 in room 13 of the New Oriental Hotel.

The death is announced of the Rev. George Roy-Badenoch, editor of the "Asiatic Quarterly Review."

Mr. J. Lloyd, of the staff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Bangkok, has been transferred to Hongkong.

An engineer named Thomas died this morning from injuries received through a fall. An inquest will probably be held.

The body of a female child has been found floating in the water near the Military pier at Tyeemun. The body was in a decomposed condition.

We are courteously informed by the Colonial Secretary's office that Burma has declared Hongkong to be an infected port on account of plague.

At Tacoma, in Washington State, recently, H. M. Forbes, a bookkeeper, committed suicide owing to financial troubles. On the following day news arrived that Forbes' aunt, who had died in Massachusetts, had left him a fortune.

The Singapore "Free Press" says:—"There is a rumour current in Seremban that Captain Tam Yung will probably be appointed by the republicans a Viceroy of Canton shortly." It is somewhat of a novelty for republicans to appoint a Viceroy.

It is stated that Mr. Sargent has so far broken his vow not to paint any more portraits as to paint M. Nijinsky, the Russian dancer. Possibly his decision only applies to fashionable commissions. It is of interest to see that the popular excitement about the Russian dancers has its reflection in the art of our day. Mr. Sargent will allow future generations to see what manner of man the flying Nijinsky was, and in Mr. Lavery's paintings Pavlova will live on as a Bacchante with vine-leaves in her hair.

The Earl of Tankerville, who recently visited America, has returned to England. Speaking on the controversy which arose from reported interviews in connection with the placing of his son, Lord Ossulston, in a Boston school, he said that he had been entirely misrepresented, and that the few words he had spoken had been twisted beyond recognition. Lord Ossulston, he said, was taken away from Tilton upon the strong recommendation of an eminent London physician. He repudiated emphatically the suggestion as to "kow-towing," sycophancy, and boot-licking at Eton.

The following is from the "Straits Times":—"While congratulating Mr. R. Kozhevnikov on his promotion to Chief Agent for the P. & O. Company at Yokohama, we are extremely sorry to record his departure from Singapore. He has been second in command here for several years and was in full charge during the absence of Mr. Buckland on leave. His courtesy has been warmly appreciated, and the press is indebted to him, in his capacity as acting local agent for Reuters, for completing the arrangements under which Singapore now enjoys a greatly increased telegraphic news service.

Singapore Police.

Taking advantage of the offer made recently by Government—that those who did not care for the new terms could have free passages home or to the Colonies—three more European police officers left for England to-day by the Himalaya, says the "Straits Times" of Feb. 22. They are Sergeant Downing and E.P.C.'s Hallett and Baker. The departure of these three brings the total of recent resignations up to the neighbourhood of twenty, which includes the whole of the batch of Metropolitan men who came out several months ago, and who have repented their choice. So far the authorities do not seem to have recruited any fresh blood to fill the vacancies.

SHELL TRANSPORT AND TRADING CO. LTD.

Allotment of Shares.

The following telegram from London has been received to-day:—"The Shell Transport and Trading Co. Ltd. is about to make a pro rata allotment of ordinary shares—at a premium of 45/- per share to its ordinary shares. The proportion to be allotted is one share in six, and the dates of payment are as follows. One pound (£1) per share on or before the 12th March 1912, one pound (£1) per share on or before the 25th March 1912, and one pound 5/- (£1/5/-) per share on or before the 25th April 1912.

THE ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW.

Final Arrangements.

All this morning there has been a constant stream of coolies, laden with fragrant burdens making their way to the matchless which have been erected on the plot of ground opposite the Hongkong Club. The reason for this is that to-morrow is the opening day of the Hongkong Horticultural Society's annual flower show, and according to the rules governing the competitions all groups of plants and pot plants must be completely staged by six o'clock this evening. Vegetables have to be displayed by 9 a.m. to-morrow, cut flowers by ten and table decorations by noon.

The whole of the plot, facing the Club has been enclosed by a matchless, somewhat in the form of a verandah, opening out on to the vacant space in the middle, and it is under this roof that the principal exhibits will be displayed on benches, erected for the purpose and covered with a green material, set out in two rows with a passage between. Entrance will be through double gates opposite the Law Courts.

When a "Telegraph" representative visited the show this morning, much of the preliminary work was completed and the enclosure was already gay with many pots of choice flowers ranging from the humblest to the commoner larkspur, nasturtium, daisy and pansy, while of course there were many beautiful flowers with names unfamiliar to the average European. They were all very fine, placed as they were, hap-hazard, waiting the final attentions of exhibitors, they transformed the untidy patch of ground into the resemblance of a flower garden laid out in that profuse confusion which cannot fail to be pleasing to the eye.

A chat with Mr. L. Gibbs, the energetic secretary, who was busy on the ground elicited the fact that entries this year were not so numerous as those for the 1911 show and the reason given for this was that many well known horticultural enthusiasts and exhibitors had either died or left the Colony. Among others whose names will be missed from the competition lists, and whose flowers will leave a large gap, Mr. Gibbs mentioned the names of the late Sir Hormusjee Modji and Mr. Dorabjee, both of whom usually sent good displays.

"Nevertheless you will have a good show this time?"—asked our representative.

"I hope so" was the reply of Mr. Gibbs.

The arrangements that the committee have made includes the provision of tea. During the show on both days, the band of the K.O.Y.L.I., by permission of Lieut. Col. Hamilton and the officers, will play. Prizes will be distributed to-morrow at 5 p.m.

The choice of the "finest site" as the habitat of the show instead of the Gardens, will be acceptable to most.

A planter at Kuala Kangsar, according to a contemporary, is going in for Zanzibar chillies as a catch crop. Chillies are as common as bananas and almost equally cheap, but of the two chillies are far more preferable as a catch crop for rubber, for it would not take very long to eradicate the plant, when there is no longer any need for it as it does to exterminate the "pisang" tree.

LOCAL SPORT.

Soldiers Club Billiard Tournament.

The Royal Engineers, as a result of their two games against 88 Company R.G.A. on Tuesday night converted their deficit of 22 to a lead of 159. The first game was between Corporal Carpenter and Bombr. Yates. Scoring was very even until each had compiled 133, when Carpenter assumed the lead, which he kept, and beat his opponent by 77 points.

Staff Sergeant Giddy and Gunner Jones were the next two contestants. The former won by 104.

Corpl. Carpenter 250.
Bombr. Yates 173.
S. Sgt. Giddy 250.
Gr. Jones 146.

The fourth and fifth games between the R.E. "B" team and 88 Company R.G.A. were played on Wednesday night in which the latter reduced their rivals' lead by 43 points.

The first game was between Sergt. Powell, R.G.A., and Sergt. Rudd, R.E. Both players played a cautious game, sometimes too cautious, missing easy shots. Sergt. Powell's best breaks were 19, 10 (twice), and 13. Those of Sergt. Rudd were 10 (3 times), 15 and 12. Rudd won by 2.

The next pair were Sergt. Humber and Gunner Montgomery, and their game was played before a big house. Much interest was taken in this match, as both are players of above the average ability. A good game was anticipated, and in this the spectators were not disappointed. Montgomery eventually proved the winner, beating his opponent by 41 points, his chief break being 11, 18 and two 19's. Sergt. Humber's only double figure breaks being 21 and 11.

88 Coy. R.G.A.
Sergt. Powell 248
Gunner Montgomery 250
R.E. "B"
Sergt. Rudd 250
Sergt. Humber 200

YACHTING.

R.H.Y.C.

The ninth club race for each class was sailed on Saturday Feb. 24 in pleasant weather.

The course was Iyemun Beacon (port) Cust Rocks (port) 8.1-2 miles. Four boats competed viz: Iris, Dione, Kathleen and Colleen. The two former took the lead early. Dione rounding the Beacon a little ahead of Iris, Kathleen third and Colleen fourth.

On the run to Cust Rock Buoy, Dione and Iris kept practically level and unapproaching the buoy Iris took the lead and rounded first, and, sailing in good form, maintained it on the beat to Channel Rocks and on the run home, finishing 43 seconds ahead of Dione. Kathleen showed some of her old form and very nearly secured second place. Colleen appeared to be off colour and finished some forty seconds astern of Kathleen.

The finishing times were:—
Actual time. Corrected time
Iris 4, 10, 15 4, 18, 15
Dione 4, 10, 58 4, 16, 58
Kathleen 4, 22, 0 4, 17, 21-2
Colleen 4, 22, 40 4, 17, 42-1-2
The marks to date are:—
Dione 40
Colleen 35
Iris 28
Dorothea 22
Kathleen 18
Rollo 11.

One Design Class.
The course for this class was Channel Rocks (port), Cust Rocks Buoy (port), Kowloon Rocks (star), Channel Rocks (star) 7.7 miles. Five boats competed viz:—Ailsa, Bonito 11, Alannah 11, Daphne and Halcyon. Ailsa once more showed the way round the course and scored another win. Bonito 11 was second, Alannah 11 third Halcyon fourth and Daphne fifth.

Finishing Marks times to Date
Ailsa 4, 19, 42 54
Bonito 4, 21, 15 37
Alannah II 4, 22, 45 23
Halcyon 4, 24, 0 10
Daphne 4, 25, 0 18.

Dinghy Class.
Three boats started, viz. Joan, No. 5, and Sprite. Joan won with No. 5 second.
Marks to date:—Joan, 21; No. 5, 15; Sprite, 15; Mephistopheles, 5; Haiyah, 2.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Nepaul and China.

What about Nepaul and the new Chinese Government? It is just seventy years since the Chinese Emperor discovered that the Forengli of Calcutta were part of what they called the Delhi Pasha's dominions. China was first confronted with these Forengli in her war with Nepaul (1790-92), and it was not until Lord Macartney's arrival at Jehol in 1793 that it was made clear how the English at Canton were the same people as the Forengli, or "Franks," of Calcutta. The crowning of King George on the old Delhi Pasha's throne has placed a coping-stone on the whole business. Notwithstanding this, Nepaul still sends periodical tribute to China, and in 1815 the Emperor of China officially agreed to Nepaul's "joining the Forengli rule" so long as tribute was sent by Nepaul regularly to China. This precedent has never been broken, except that last year China began tentatively to claim political influence over Nepaul.

The King and An: 1.a.

In a leading article published in connection with the visit of the Duke of Connaught to the United States of America we suggested the possibility of an interchange of visits some time in the future between the King and the President. It is to be noted that this possibility has attracted attention on both sides of the Atlantic. When the visit of the Duke of Connaught came to a close he made the following communication for publication:—

The Duke is not aware of any forthcoming visit to the United States by King George and Queen Mary, but he hopes that such a visit may take place, for the Duke is certain that Majesty would enjoy it.

Naturally the Duke of Connaught could not be more specific, but his announcement contains a healthy germ of hope. Such an interchange of visits would certainly tend to increase the mutual sympathy and understanding between America and Great Britain, and might exercise a very considerable effect in securing the peace of the world.

Nurses and the Muses.

Misprints, however they may amuse the outsider, seldom raise a smile on the faces of those engaged in the production of newspapers. But a delicious example from a Home paper is much too good to overlook. It occurred in a review of a book of poems by the Rev. George Mitchell, formerly a policeman and well known as the "policeman-poet." Some verses are quoted from his policeman days, including this stanza:—

Think not because when in the street
At evening I am upon my beat
I love to sit with the nurse,
I fail to keep a keen look out
For bargains who may be about
Or aught that law abides.

It will be observed that "nurses," though cynically apt, does not rhyme with "abuses." It should, of course, have been "Muses." The compositor who happens upon a badly written word and who uses his brain to arrive at the likeliest word is not always an unimpaired blessing.

A General's Handkerchief.

An engaging little story comes to hand and concerns General Sir Ian Hamilton who is known in the Far East. (Did he not write about the most popular book relating to the Russo-Japanese War?) It appears that when General Hamilton was inspecting the Imperial Forces in South Africa last year he met at Harrold Mr. J. H. J. Wessels, a Boer, who when the general was wounded at Majuba lent him a bandana handkerchief with which to stem the flow of blood.

The general, promised to send the handkerchief to Mr. Wessels on his return home, but, according to the "Diamond Fields Advertiser," has just sent to the Mayor of Harrold for Mr. Wessels a new handkerchief in an inscribed silver casket, with a letter stating that although the coat and kilts were at Majuba were still preserved, the handkerchief, having been bloodstained, had rotted away to nothing.

COMPANY REPORT.

China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

The following is the Report for presentation to the shareholders at the forty-third ordinary meeting to be held at the Company's Offices on Thursday, March 7, 1912, at 12 o'clock noon:—

The Directors have now the pleasure to submit their Annual Report and Statement of the Company's Accounts made up to December 31 last.

1910.—The Balance at Credit of Working Account as per last Report was \$465,144.45. Add Premiums since received 76,191.83

Deduct Claims paid in 1911..... \$143,918.54

Return Premium, &c., &c..... 50,765.87

Balance of Profit..... \$346,051.03

It is proposed to apportion this sum as follows:—

Dividend of \$7 and Bonus of \$2 per share on 20,000 shares..... \$180,000.00

To add to extra reserve fund, which will then stand at \$717,248.46..... 51,324.39

To add to investment account..... 10,000.00

To provide for a reinsurance fund of..... 100,000.00

Bonus to office staff..... 5,227.54

Balance of Profit..... \$346,051.03

1911.—The balance at credit of working account at the close of this year was \$501,061.28.

Directors.—Mr. G. Bullock resigned his seat on leaving the Colony and Mr. W. L. Patterson was appointed to fill the vacancy.

On the return of Mr. E. Shollin, Mr. W. Logan resigned and the former gentleman was invited to rejoin the board.

These appointments require the confirmation of shareholders.

Mr. H. A. Siebs and Mr. F. Lieb retired by rotation, and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—Messrs. W. Hutton Potts and A. R. Lowe have audited the annexed accounts and offer themselves for re-election.

H. A. Siebs, Chairman.

Working Account, January 1, to December 31, 1911

Dr.

To Charges Account:—

Rent..... 7,400.00

Salaries, Legal & Surveyors' Fees..... 7,400.00

Taxes, Stamps, Stationery, &c., \$56,513.22

Directors' and Auditors' Fees..... 7,400.00

To Commission Account:—

Agents' Commissions..... 123,921.66

To Losses Account 1911:—

Claims after deduction of Re-insurances..... 147,088.04

To Amount Written off:—

Furniture Account..... 110.00

To Exchange Account:—

Differences in Exchange..... 5,129.81

To Balance..... 501,061.28

\$841,254.01

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By Premium Account:—

Premium after deduction of Re-insurances..... \$692,026.30

By Interest Account:—

Amount at Credit, including Interest due on Deposits and Investments, &c.,..... 178,501.31

By Transfer Fee Account:—

Amount at Credit..... 127.00

\$841,254.01

Balance Sheet, December 31, 1911.

Liabilities.

Capital Account:—

20,000 Shares of \$100 each \$2,000,000.00

per Share paid up \$400,000.00

Reserve Fund..... 1,000,000.00

Extra Reserve Fund..... 717,248.46

Investment Fluctuation Account..... 4,047.75

Reinsurance Fund..... 100,000.00

Accounts Payable:—

Dividend for 1910 \$180,000.00

Losses Outstanding..... 111,981.79

Sundries..... 291,981.79

Working Account, 1911..... 501,061.28

Balance at Credit..... \$3,014,339.28

Assets.

Cash at Bankers..... \$51,169.27

Fixed Deposits at Banks:—

H'kong & Shanghai Bank Corp'n..... \$197,862.74

Chartered Bank of India, Ltd..... 80,000.00

Merchandise Bank of India, Ltd..... 80,000.00

International Banking Corp'n..... 70,000.00

Netherlands Trading Society..... 25,000.00

Deutsch-Asiatische Bank..... 50,000.00

Investments:—

Chinese Govt. Bonds..... 39,465.04

Tientsin-Pukow Ry. Bonds..... 55,527.73

Imp. Chinese Ry. Bonds..... 56,470.59

Nanking Sterling Bonds..... 27,025.21

China Huankun Ry. Loan Sterling Bonds..... 27,025.21

Hongkong Club Debentures..... 17,600.00

Hongkong Hotel Co., Limited, Debentures..... 50,000.00

Shanghai Investment Co., Ltd., Debentures..... 47,224.01

Waterworks Co., Ltd., Debentures..... 8,026.75

Shanghai Club Debentures..... 6,421.40

Shares in Public Companies..... 461,519.78

\$769,080.51

Loan on Mortgage:—

On Properties in Hongkong..... \$1,292,300.00

On Properties in Shanghai..... 140,468.22

On Properties in Canton..... 150,000.00

On Properties in Shanghai..... 140,468.22

1,582,768.22

Furniture Account:—

Office Furniture, &c..... 900.00

Accounts Receivable:—

Premium due from Agencies, Interest due on Deposits and Investments, &c..... 157,558.54

\$3,014,339.28

H. F. Hickman, Acting Secretary

H. A. Siebs, F. Shollin, Directors

Auditors' Report:—We report that we have examined the Accounts of the Company with the books and vouchers in Hongkong and the returns received from the various Agencies for the year ending December 31, 1911.

We have also examined ourselves as to the existence and value of

the Securities for Investment, the cash at Bankers and on Mortgage to the amounts specified. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and in our opinion the above Balance Sheet, which includes the allocation of the 1910 Working Account balance as shown by the Directors' report of date attached, is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Company.

W. Hutton Potts, A. R. Lowe, c.s., Auditors. Hongkong, February 21, 1912.

SALE OF PONIES.

Spirited Bidding and High Prices.

Mr. F. C. Hurley of Messrs. Hughes and Hough, sold by auction the following ponies yesterday. The names of the purchasers are also given:—

Real Rose, Mr. Schuman, \$45

Beans, Mr. Sun Hing, 20

Toddles, Sz Li Woo, 10

Cavite, Mr. Schuman, 15

Reformer, withdrawn, 70

Limo Tree, Mr. Kennedy, 35

Tralos, Mr. Roeha, 35

Mellow Heart, Mr. Kennedy, 90

Sumpitan, withdrawn, 55

Urgent, Po Hing Cheong, 150

Doorfoot, 65

Cress, 35

White Violet, Mr. Kennedy, 40

White Lily, Mr. Kennedy, 215

White Lilac, Mr. Brutton, 50

White Daisy, withdrawn, 150

White Heather, withdrawn, 300

Bantam, 75

Cadzw's Lion, Mr. Whitemore, 40

Madrigal, Mr. Hough, 300

Fanning, Comdr. Lamb, 75

Odcombe, Mr. Roza (Canton), 70

Lyndington, Mr. Winter, 35

Oil King, withdrawn at, 95

Auchendoon, Mr. Patterson, 80

Birchingham, Mr. Hickman, 105

Bredon Hill, Mr. Stewart, 115

Defford, Mr. H. P. White, 210

Ben Nevis, Capt. Hughes, 340

Sylvia (polo pony), 95

Capt. Hughes, 70

De-Lomond, Mr. Winter, 80

Ben Lai, Kwong Hing, 85

Cheung, 80

James, Kwong Hing Cheung, 80

Blue Bird, Kwong Hing, 70

Cheung, 65

Snowstorm, Kwong Hing, 100

Cheung, 100

Lucy, Kwong Hing Cheung, 100

Floral, Mr. Doetting, 100

Kiangwan, Mr. Shuter, 100

Dun pony, K. Hoo Cheung, 75

Spranza, Mr. Blason, 115

Caprice, K. Hoo Cheung, 100

Esperanto, Mr. Master, 195

Alacerty, Mr. Loring, 125

Rejected, K. Hoo Cheung, 65

Gordon, K. Hoo Cheung, 125

Tiedland, Mr. Kennedy, 125

The Straggler, K. Hoo Cheung, 90

Greyback, Mr. Roeha, 65

Elburz, Mr. L. A. Marchant, 300

Chibby, Mr. Kennedy, 05

Furnell (late Dasol) Mr. Clives, 40

Chestnut pony, Sun Hing, 35

Grey pony, Talm wah, 40

Child's small pony, K. Hoo Cheung, 45

Brown pony, Sun Hing, 35

Lady's Hack, Tow Fook, 150

The crack racing ponies were disposed of privately previous to the sale, and the taking of this course was regretted by many owners when they realised the spirited bidding and high prices prevailing at the auction.

Quite a number of hacks and polo-ponies as well as racers came under the hammer.

DON'T FORGET.

Thursday, Feb. 29.

Annual General Meeting Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, 4 p. m.

Friday, March 1.

Horticultural Society Show, S. M. S. Schanhorst, Concert, Theatre Royal, 9 p. m.

Saturday, March 2.

Half-yearly meeting Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., 12.30 p. m.

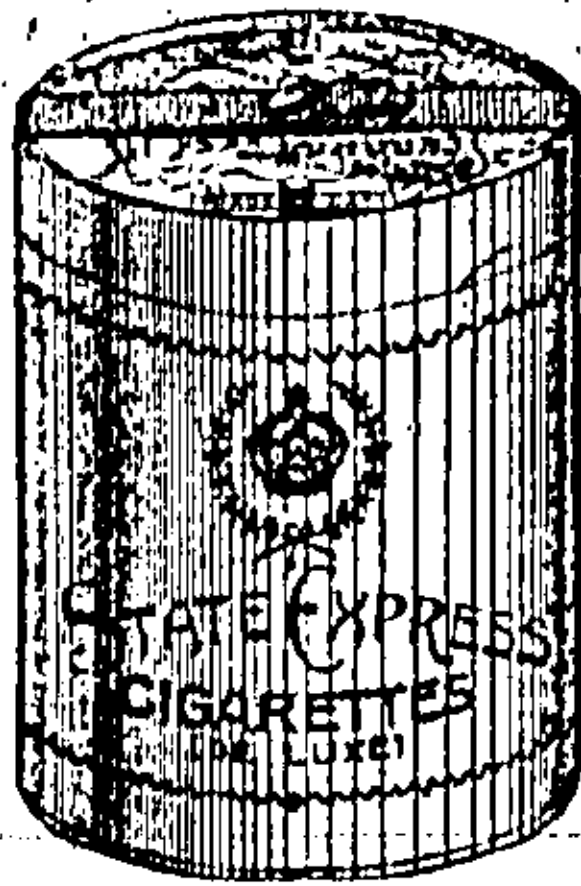
Thursday, March 7.

China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., meeting, noon.

Saturday, March 9.

Annual meeting, Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., 12.30 p. m.

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ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE.

Sentiment Cooling in Japan.

The Tokyo correspondent of the "N. C. Daily News" wrote on Feb. 14:—The "Japan Advertiser" says that when two newspapers of the undoubted prominence and influence of the Osaka "Mainichi" and the "Kokumin" begin to write questioning the efficiency of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, it is difficult to resist the conclusion that it no longer enjoys the widespread popularity of its early years. But the comparative rotundity of the alliance at this date is really a high flattering testimony to its record of achievement in the diplomatic sphere, for without the alliance Japan could hardly have attained a position so strong as to enable her to contemplate, almost with equanimity, the prospect of its denunciation hereafter. The sentiment that impelled Japan to enter into this arrangement was undoubtedly fear of Russia. In the absence of the guarantee provided by the alliance that no third party could presume to interfere without reckoning with Great Britain, Japan would never have ventured to challenge Russia. Now that, thanks to this war, Japan has succeeded in eliminating the Muscovite menace for some time to come, it is foolish to rail at either Japan or Great Britain for their clear-sighted recognition of the changed situation which has justified some modification of the terms of the original agreement. Finally, whatever the shortcomings of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, it is clearly unreasonable to bring forward against one of the parties thereto totally unsupported charges of bad faith in the observance of its obligations.

The "Japan Times" emphasizes that the new clause in the treaty of alliance as to the proposed Anglo-American General Arbitration Treaty is as good as non-existent, for neither of the contracting parties has as yet

concluded an agreement of general arbitration with any other Power. Consequently, the revised treaty is of the same scope and binding force as the previous ones. In any case, in the minds of those who take their country to heart, both in Great Britain and Japan, the alliance is as vital as it has been. Not only that, but they see its ever growing importance and indispensability. To-day there exists a perfect understanding between Great Britain, Japan and Russia, and together they form a great bulwark of peace. Take away the alliance, the Anglo-Russian and Russo-Japanese ententes will lose more than half their reliability.

The "Japan Chronicle" states that it is evidence of the very inadequate knowledge of Japanese opinion by the English Press, that it should regard a remark made by the "Mainichi" to the effect that the alliance had no longer any vitality, as showing a change of sentiment in Japan. When the news of the amendment was received in Japan the general feeling was that the alliance was practically at an end, and this feeling obtained wide utterance both in the Press and by public men.

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Most steamers have excellent accommodation for a limited number of First Class Passengers. Cabins are situated amidships, and are fitted with electric light and fans. Attention is directed to the moderate fares charged.
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For Freight or Passage, apply to
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AGENTS.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1912.

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO, AND WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF
THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.,
AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.,
HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.
HONGKONG TO CANTON CANTON TO HONGKONG
THURSDAY, 29th FEBRUARY.
10.00 p.m. "FATSHAN." 5.00 p.m. "KINSHAN."
These steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, are the largest and fastest on the River. Special attention is drawn to the Superior Saloon and Cabin. Electric Fan in each Cabin.
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S.S. "SUI TAI" Tons 1651 S.S. "SUI AN" Tons 1651
HONGKONG TO MACAO.
Week days at 8 a.m. & 2 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf. Sunday at 9 a.m. & 12.30 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.
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Week days at 7.30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sundays at 7.30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
EXCURSION TO MACAO.
SUNDAY, 3rd MARCH.
The Company's Steamship, "SUI AN"
will depart from the Company's WING LOK WHARF at 9 a.m. Departure from Macao at 5 p.m.
N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at 7.30 a.m. and from Hongkong at 12.30 p.m., from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.
This Steamer connects with the excursion steamer returning from Macao at 5 p.m.
FARES AS USUAL.
Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the Company.
CANTON-MACAO LINE.
S.S. HOI-SANG, 457 Tons.
Departures from Macao to Canton on Mon., Wednes., & Fri., at 9 p.m.
Departures from Canton to Macao on Tues., Thurs., & Satur., at 4.30 p.m.
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CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.
S.S. "SAINAM," 593 Tons, and "NANNING," 599 Tons.
One of the above steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 8 a.m., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at 8.30 a.m. Round trips take about 5 days.
Passengers can return to Hongkong or vice versa by the Company's direct steamers "LINTAN" and "SANUL." These vessels have superior Cabin accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity, Electric Fan in each Cabin.
Booking Office open daily (Sundays excepted) 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.
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Shipping

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)
PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

Destinations	Steamers	Sailing Dates
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ & PORT SAID ...	AKI MARU, Capt. K. Homma, T. 7,000 MISHIMA MARU, Capt. A. E. M. S., T. 9,000	WEDNESDAY, 13th March, Daylight WEDNESDAY, 27th March, Daylight
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, OSAKA, & YOKOHAMA	STAMBA MARU, Capt. K. Nozaki, T. 7,000 SANUKI MARU, Capt. S. Ishikawa, T. 7,000	TUESDAY, 26th March, at Noon TUESDAY, 9th April, at Noon
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, OSAKA, & YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU, Capt. M. Yagi, T. 6,000 KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler, T. 6,000	FRIDAY, 15th March, at Noon FRIDAY, 12th April, at Noon
N'ASKI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA	KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler, T. 6,000	WEDNESDAY, 13th March, Noon
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBÉ	COLOMBO MARU, Capt. J. Teranaka, T. 5,000	MONDAY, 4th March
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO	CEYLON MARU, Capt. Tokawa, T. 6,000	MONDAY, 4th March
SHANGHAI & KOBÉ	KIRIN MARU, Capt. Deguchi, T. 4,000	FRIDAY, 1st March

1 Cargo only.
2 Fitted with new system of wireless telegraphy.

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Regular fortnightly service from Kobe to Calcutta calling at Hongkong, Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
The next steamer to sail from Hongkong:
"TENSIN MARU" ... Tons 4,000 ... Capt. Mori, March 1st.

1912 PASSENGER SEASON 1912

Steamer	Tons	Captain	From Hongkong
AKI MARU	7,000	K. Homma	Mar. 13th
MISHIMA MARU	9,000	A. C. Moses	Mar. 27th
KAGA MARU	7,000	M. Hagino	April 10th
ATSUTA MARU	9,000	Wm. Thompson	April 24th
HITACHI MARU	7,000	T. Yamawaki	May 8th
MIYASAKI MARU	9,000	T. Muri	May 22nd
TAMBA MARU	7,000	K. Noda	Mar. 26th
SANUKI MARU	7,000		April 9th
AWA MARU	7,000	T. Iizawa	April 23rd
INABA MARU	7,000	S. Tomioka	May 21st

From Hongkong direct to Nagasaki 4 days, to Kobe 5 days and to Yokohama 6 days.
For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Chater Road.
T. KUSUMOTO,
Manager.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For	STEAMERS	To Sail
SHANGHAI	"HUPEH" ... 1st	Mar. 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"ANHUI" ... 2nd	" M'high
TIENSIN & WEIHAIWEI	"HUICHOW" ... 3rd	" D'light
HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	"SINGAN" ... 5th	" 10 A.M.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	"TEAN" ... 5th	" 4 p.m.

DIRT SAILING TO WEST RIVER, Twice Weekly.
S.S. "LINTAN" and S.S. "SANUL"

AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in State-rooms. A duly qualified Doctor is carried. REDUCED FARES. Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.
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SHANGHAI LINE—FAST SCHEDULE TWIN-SCREW STEAMERS (Anhui, Ohsan, Lianan, Chinkuan), with excellent passenger accommodation. Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms and Dining Saloon, leave Hongkong for Shanghai direct every Thursday and Sunday, taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.
N.B.—Passengers must embark before midnight on Saturday for the Sunday morning sailings. A Company's launch leaves Murray Pier at 10 o'clock every Saturday night.
These steamers land passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transhipment at Woosung.

Reduced Fares—Single \$45. Return \$75.
For Freight or Passage apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Telephone No. 24.
Hongkong, 29th Feb., 1912.

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IN CONJUNCTION WITH
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EAST ASIATIC SERVICE.
Regular Sailings from JAPAN, CHINA and PHILIPPINES, via STRAITS and COLOMBO, to
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Taking cargo at Through rates to all European North Continental and British Ports, also Trieste, Lisbon, Oporto, Genoa and other Mediterranean Levantine, Black Baltic Sea and Ports, and all North and South American Ports.

Next Sailings from Hongkong :

OUTWARD.

For Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama :

S.S. Belgavia 7th Mar.

" Sachsen 13th Mar.

" C. Ferd. Lausz 2nd April

" Sithonia 10th April

" Scandia 26th April

" Bayern..... 3rd M y.

For Further Particulars, apply to—

HOMEWARD.

For Marseilles, Rotterdam & Hamburg :
S.S. " Ambia " 29th Feb.

For Rotterdam, Hamburg & Antwerp :
" S. " Spreia " 3rd Mar.

For Havre & Hamburg :
S.S. " Goldenfels " 5th Mar.

For Marseilles, Havre, Rotterdam & Hamburg :
S.S. " Pommern " 14th Mar.

For Havre, Bremen & Hamburg :
S.S. " Snavia " 20th Mar.

For Havre & Hamburg :
S.S. " Belgavia " 14th April

For Marseilles, Havre & Hamburg :
S.S. " Sachsen " 27th April

HONGKONG—PHILIPPINES. PHILIPPINES STEAMSHIP CO.

Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
RUBI	4000	S. Crosby	Manila, Manganin, Iloilo and Cebu.	FRIDAY, 1st March, 4 p.m.
ZAFIRO	4000	M. C. Smith	Manila, Manganin, Iloilo and Cebu.	MONDAY, 1st March, 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage apply to
SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
GENERAL MANAGERS
Hongkong, 17th February, 1912.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Regular Fortnightly Service between
JAVA, CHINA and JAPAN.
Steamer From Expected on or about For Will leave on or about
Titaran ... JAVA ... 1st half Mar. ... JAPAN ... 1st half Mar.
Tijpanas ... JAVA ... 1st half Mar. ... JAPAN ... 1st half Mar.
Tijbodas ... JAVA ... 1st half Mar. ... SHANGHAI ... 1st half Mar.
Tijmahal ... JAPAN ... 1st half Mar. ... JAVA ... 1st half Mar.
Tijliwong ... JAVA ... 1st half Mar. ... JAPAN ... 2nd half Mar.
Tijmanock ... JAVA ... 1st half Mar. ... JAPAN ... 2nd half Mar.
Tijlatjap ... JAVA ... 2nd half Mar. ... SHANGHAI ... 1st half Apr.
The steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light, and have accommodation for a limited number of saloon passengers, and will take cargo to all Ports in Netherlands-India on through B/L.
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Imperial Japanese Trans-Pacific Mail Line.
SAN FRANCISCO LINE.
Connecting with the Western Pacific Railway at San Francisco to all points in the United States and Canada and with Trans-Atlantic Lines to Europe.
PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG. (Subject to alteration)
Steamer Tons Captain Date of sailing
S.S. "Nippon Maru" ... 11,000 ... A. G. Stevens ... Mar. 8th, Noon.
S.S. "Tenyo Maru" ... 21,000 ... E. Bent ... Mar. 15th, Noon.
S.S. "Shinyo Maru" ... 21,000 ... H. B. Smith ... Apr. 6th, Noon.
S.S. "Chiyō Maru" ... 21,000 ... W. W. Green ... May 7th, Noon.
These steamers are equipped with Turbine Engines and Triple Screw.
All steamers carry Japanese Government wireless telegraph and post office.
The triple screw steamer "TENYO MARU" will be despatched for San Francisco via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ, YOKKAICHI, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on FRIDAY, 15th March, at Noon.
INTERMEDIATE SERVICE.
The steamer "Nippon Maru" 11,000 tons Capt. A. G. Stevens, will be attached for San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu on Friday 8th March, at Noon.

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

(In connection with the National Railway of Mexico at Manzanillo and the Tehuantepec National Railway at Salina Cruz).
Only Regular Direct Service to Mexican, Chilean and Peruvian Ports.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION)
Steamer Tons Date of Sailing
Buyo Maru ... 10,500 ... Tuesday, April 9, Noon.
Hongkong Maru ... 11,000 ... Friday, June 7, Noon.
Kiyo Maru ... 17,500 ... Saturday, Aug. 6, Noon.
For Further Particulars as to Passage and Freight, apply to
K. MATSUDA, Agent,
(KING'S BUILDING Opposite Blake Pier)

To Let
OFFICES in King's Building.
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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED.
Hongkong, 16th Dec 1911.
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Opening 1st May 1912.

LOG BOOK.

Tonnage at Victoria.

Great additions to the tonnage trading to the port of Victoria, B. C., say the "Colonist," are shortly to be made. There are now under construction or ordered vessels aggregating over 100,000 registered tons in excess of the tonnage now plying regularly in established lines to this port without considering the additions being made to the tonnage of the coastwise fleet. The two new C. P. R. liners, the Empress of Asia and Empress of Russia, turbine-driven steamers, which will be added about twelve months hence to the trans-Pacific service of this company are of approximately 15,000 tons register, the new Canadian-Australian liner now being built for the Union Steamship Company, a vessel which will have combination reciprocating and turbine engines, driving four screws, will be a steamer of 13,500 tons, the Talthybius launched on November 9 for the Blue Funnel line is a vessel of over 14,000 tons and a second steamer of the same type is shortly to be added. New steamers are under construction at Kobe and Nagasaki for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, two being on the building slip and four more are contemplated, vessels of about 2,500 tons larger than the liners now serving the Japanese company. In the trans-Pacific trade plying to Victoria along over 45,000 additional tons is to be added. The Harrison direct line, which inaugurated a service to Victoria a few months ago to be first in the field to secure traffic which will develop via the Panama Canal is building three large steamers, the Actor, Sculptor and another vessel, the Kosmos line has four steamers of 12,000 tons register with good passenger accommodation under construction, and on order, the Swedish-Johnson line, a Christiania firm which has announced its intention of entering the service as soon as the Panama Canal is completed, has ordered four steamers of 8,000 tons register from British firms, the Holland-America line of Rotterdam, which will also come into this trade, has ordered two additional steamers for its fleet, each of 10,000 tons register and many other lines are reported to be contemplating providing vessels of large tonnage for this service. The steamer Inkula, of the Gulf Transport line, is being sent to this port by J. H. Welsford, the first of service steamers to be sent for the Canadian-Mexican line with the stated intention of continuing the service through the Panama Canal, and there are many reports of other vessels to come here. The Leyland, Royal Mail Steam Packet, and other lines now trading to the Gulf of Mexico are reported to have plans for sending vessels through the canal to the North Pacific.

SPEAKER ON PARLIAMENT.

Things that are Overlooked in the House.

The speaker of the House of Commons (Mr. J. W. Lowther, M.P.), was the guest at the annual dinner of the Ipswich Parliament, and responded to the toast of the Houses of Parliament.

The Speaker said he noticed that the proposer of the toast had restrained himself, and had not alluded to St. Stephen's as the Mother of Parliaments which he had fully expected him to do. Reference had, however, been made to the fact that she had had a great number of imitators all over the world as well as in this country. It was the Mother of Parliaments, she had certainly fulfilled her duty. The duty of mothers was to produce children, and he supposed that the Mother of Parliaments had produced more children than any other mother had produced, and if many were true she was about to produce another [next year. (Laughter.) According to the expectation of some she might even produce triplets—(loud laughter)—and if they ever get "Home Rule all round," there would be a very heavy King's bounty to be paid. (Renewed laughter.) Whether the mother would survive that interesting event was more than he could say. Alluding to the assumption in some quarters that party representation was the panacea for the evils of mankind and that what was very suitable for the British character was equally suitable for States in various stages of civilisation all over the world, he said that it was thought that the tailor-made suit of clothes which fitted the Britisher fitted equally well the Chinaman, the Bantu, and anyone to be found from China to Peru, but he wished to point out that the English character was specially suited to self-government, and that English institutions were not the growth of a day but the growth of centuries of political effort. Through good report and through evil report, through the many ups and downs of their history, Englishmen had hammered out for themselves at least what they believed to be the most efficient tool for carrying out their wishes in the matter of self-government, and it was almost incredible that other nations could suddenly adopt that system with complete satisfaction to themselves. They must therefore expect to see where foreign countries suddenly adopted the legislative system of this country, many difficulties arise which this country had got over during the centuries Parliament had existed. Let them remember, too, that the House of Commons, as it existed now, was as different from what it was at its inception as the bird of Paradise was from the original egg. In such Parliaments as that existing at Ipswich, the Speaker added, the wife of all who took part were sharpened. It was only by the clash of arguments that they could arrive at the truth—and not always could they arrive at it then. (Laughter.) He must remind them that argument must be met by argument. "I am afraid," added the Speaker amid laughter, "that in certain places which shall be named it is often the case that a man will bring forward a certain set of arguments and he will be answered by somebody who never deals with those arguments at all. That, although a

very valuable and useful exercise in its way, is not debate. The arguments of speaker A. should be replied to by speaker B., and B. should not start with a new set of arguments of his own." These local Parliamentarians, imitated only the most attractive and showy part of the work of Parliament. When they drank the health of the Houses of Parliament he hoped they would bear in mind the vast quantity of work which its members accomplished—work which did not appear upon the surface at all. The work which was done on the series of Committees, on Private Bills, on Select Committees, and Grand Committees went by without being reported in the newspapers. It was hardly known in the constituencies. He asked them to give a thought to the time expended by members in the preparation of their speeches which were never delivered owing to his eyes not being sufficiently large to see more than one member at a time. They should remember the long hours which were given to the country's work, and the sacrifice which was made of pleasure and, he regretted to say, of the summer holidays—all these things he thought should be counted for righteousness to the members of the Houses of Parliament. Now that he had reminded them of these points he hoped they would feel that the country owed a deep debt of gratitude to members who were ready to sacrifice so much for the sake of their country, and for a paltry £400 a year. (Laughter.) Concluding, the Speaker observed that the local Parliament had a time limit for speeches, and he only wished they could impose one in the House of Commons. (Laughter.)

OFFICIALISM IN JAPAN.

Where Japan Leads.

The "Nippon" has made a remarkable and an interesting discovery. "Having gone" into ecstasies at having obtained a place among the first-class Powers, as the result of one or two successful wars," remarks the Tokyo Journal, "the Japanese nation can now boast of being foremost among the official countries of the world. It is therefore only natural that the expenditure should have swelled enormously, and it is only natural that the Japanese people, burdened with the heavy expenditure, should be perplexed as to the finding of the necessary ways and means. However much leisure a man might have, he would probably not have enough mental energy and patience to count the immense number of Government officials mentioned in the two bulky volumes known as Official List A and B. One patient individual, however, has picked out the items termed 'salary' in the general Budget for the coming fiscal year, and has supplied us with the sum total of the estimate. According to this information, the total estimate of official salaries amounts to ¥55,527,481, which is over ¥1 per capita of the Japanese population. In other words, each Japanese is subscribing over ¥1 per annum to feed the numberless army of officials. In addition to those, there are innumerable other officials in the Imperial University, Railway Bureau, and the Forestry and Korean Governments. When official pensions and annuities—which amount to ¥30,000,000—are added to official salaries, the total will amount to about ¥86,000,000, and when to this is added the official salaries belonging to the Special Accounts and General Wages Account, the total amount paid to Government servants by the Japanese people every year must exceed ¥100,000,000.

"Is it not wonderful," concludes the "Nippon," "that over ¥100,000,000 is paid yearly in salaries and pensions to Government officials in this little island country? There is nothing surprising in the fact that officials prosper and the people become poorer."

POST OFFICE.

Only fully prepaid letters and postcards are transmissible by the Siberian Route to Europe.

The Parcel Post system to the following places in China is for the present suspended:—Hupoh, Szechuan, Hunan, Kweichow and Tientsin.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

London Date Due Shanghai
February 7th. February 23rd.
February 10th. February 27th.

MAILS DUE.

Siberian, Assaye, 1st prox.
Canadian, Montague, 2nd prox.
German, Prinz Sigismund, 4th prox.
German, Prinzess Alice, 7th prox.
American, Persia, 12th prox.

MAILS CLOSE.

Amoy and Foochow—Per Hultin, 1st Mar., 9 a.m.
Swatow—Per Hultin, 1st Mar., 10 a.m.
Shanghai, Yokohama and Kobe—Per Austria, 1st Mar., 11 a.m.
Macao—Per Sui Tai, 1st Mar., 1.15 p.m.
Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo, and Cebu—Per Rudi, 1st Mar., 3 p.m.
Shanghai—Per Hupoh, 1st Mar., 3 p.m.

Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle—Per Eastern, 2nd Mar., 9 a.m.

Tientsin—Per Choongshing, 2nd Mar., 5 p.m.
Shanghai—Per Choongshing, 2nd Mar., 10 a.m.

EUROPE, &c., INDIA VIA TUTICORIN—(Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, 1st Mar., at 5 p.m.—Per Assaye 2nd Mar., 11 a.m.

English Mail.

Manila, Cebu and Iloilo—Per Loong-sang, 2nd Mar., 1 p.m.
Macao—Per Sui Tai, 2nd Mar., 1.15 p.m.
Weihaiwei and Tientsin—Per Hultin, 2nd Mar., 5 p.m.

SHANGHAI, Siberian Mail to Europe—Per Anhui, 2nd Mar., 6 p.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco (Siberian Mail to Europe)—Per Mongolia, 2nd Mar., 6 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiyang, 3rd Mar., 9 a.m.
Saigon—Per Miro, 29th Feb., 4 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui—Per Daijin-maru, 1st Mar., 9 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 3rd Mar., 1.15 p.m.
Macao—Per Sui Tai, 4th Mar., 1.15 p.m.

Haihow and Haiphong (taking Mails for Pakhoi)—Per Singan, 5th Mar., 9 a.m.
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SHIPPING NEWS.

The s.s. Fookang left Singapore for Hongkong on the 27th inst., and is due here on the 3rd prox.

The departure of the P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. Mongolia from this port has been postponed to the 3rd prox., at 4 p.m.

The American and Manchurian Line s.s. Maloppe passed the Suez Canal on the 27th inst., and is due here on the 29th prox.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. Montague arrived at Shanghai at 10 a.m., on the 28th inst., and left again at 2.30 p.m., same day for Hongkong, where she is due to arrive at 8 a.m. on the 2nd prox.

ARRIVALS.

Nubia, Br. s.s., 3,695, F. J. Fox, 28th Feb.—London 15th Jan. Gen.—P. & O. S. N. & Co.

India, Br. s.s., 4,198, G. W. Gordon, 28th Feb.—London 19th Jan. Mail and Gen.—P. & O. S. N. & Co.

Kwai-in, Br. s.s., 1,926, C. W. Tuckett, 28th Feb.—Wakamatsu 22nd Feb. Gen.—B. & S.

Don of Glamis, Br. s.s., 3,818, A. Low, 28th Feb.—London 10th Jan., and Singapore 23rd Feb. Gen.—J. M. Co.

Kirin Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,356, M. Deguchi, 28th Feb.—Calcutta etc., 8th Feb. Gen.—N. Y. K.

Glentworth, Br. s.s., 1,484, V. Van Rgod, 28th Feb.—Singapore 22nd Feb. Gen.—Joo Tak Song.

Haiyuan, Br. s.s., 641, A. H. Stewart, 28th Feb.—Swatow 28th Feb. Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Taitan, Br. s.s., 1,131, J. S. Roach, 28th Feb.—Swatow 28th Feb. Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Feiching, Chi. s.s., 998, F. B. Hawie, 28th Feb.—Canton 28th Feb. Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Yosan-maru, for Takao.
Michael Jensen, for Haiphong.
Kirin-maru, for Kobe.
Nubia, for Yokohama.
Marie, for Saigon.
India, for Shanghai.
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Loong Sang, Br. s.s., 1,093, Leck, 27th Feb.—Manila 21st Feb. Gen.—J. M. & Co.

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Itub, Br. s.s., 2,797, S. A. Crook, 27th Feb.—Manila 24th Feb. Gen.—S. T. & Co.

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Castle, Prinzess Alice. 20th Feb.—Alanta Maru, Benlomon, Mueham, Caylon, China, Pak Ling, Schuyllert, Nore, Teanki. 23rd Feb.—Achilles, Munster Castle, Pelous, Tonkin, Arabian, G'airing. 27th Feb.—Lut-zow, Atholl, Benvon, Matoppe, Namur.

Arrival at Hong—6th Feb.—Cakhat, Denoon, Bithonia. 9th Feb.—Andrassy, Kitano Maru, Prinz Ludwig, Prdm. 13th Feb.—Sonay, Primothous, 16th Feb.—Calafion, Perens. 20th Feb.—Kelpie, 23rd Iyo Maru.

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